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The "City of Roses" is the site for the 1957 International Christian Endeavor Convention. Mt. Hood, 11,245 feet high, can be seen in the background, with the Willamette River meandering through the heart of the city.

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From The Executive Secretary...

Meet the Editor . . . With this issue we welcome the new Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. She is Miss Phyllis I. Rike, executive assistant at our international headquarters and lifelong Christian Endeavorer. We present her, for she needs no introduction to our readers; she has been in the employed service of Christian Endeavor International since the headquarters was removed from Boston to Columbus in 1946. Her appointment by the Executive Committee comes as she celebrates the tenth anniversary of entering the full-time employed service of Christian Endeavor, November 4, 1956. We salute her . . . we congratulate her . . . we praise God for dedicated lives like hers.

Phyllis Rike succeeds Reverend Stanley G. Matthews who has moved from Columbus to New York City on October 15 to take up the position of director of public relations for the Committee on Religion In American Life (RIAL). Our best wishes go with Stanley Matthews into this new and significant field of service.

Let's Celebrate . . . It's not too early to begin to lay plans for a big birthday celebration. The International Society has just released a packet jammed full of materials which will be helpful as you plan to mark the 76th birthday of Christian Endeavor during Christian Endeavor Week 1957 - January 27 through February 3. Among hosts of other items, the packet includes a manual, complete worship service, suggestions for radio, a television program, birthday party plans, banquet suggestions and many other ideas. There is reason to continue in the spirit of the diamond jubilee, which according to the Bible is a season of joy. Let's pray, plan and prepare for a great anniversary celebration. Order a packet from the International Society.

We Salute . . . Our prayers and best wishes to the LOOKOUT magazine, its new editor Mr. Leonard G. Wymore, and the retiring editor Dr. Guy P. Leavitt. After thirty-one years of leadership and active editing of the LOOKOUT, Christian Endeavorer Guy Leavitt has left his important post and becomes editorial counselor. These responsibilities pass to the capable hands of Leonard G. Wymore, for months past on the editorial staff. For many years active in the ministry of Christian churches, Mr. Wymore has also been active in the National Sunday School Association. Our best wishes to the LOOKOUT magazine and its staff.

On to Columbus . . . All roads lead to Columbus for the important meetings of the Program Council of the International Society and of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference on December 7 through 10. Sessions will be held at Christian Endeavor Headquarters and at the Southern Hotel in downtown Columbus. Leaders and denominational representatives from across the North American continent will gather for these annual meetings—for planning, fellowship and inspiration. Dr. R. W. Rash, Huntington, Indiana, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education, United Brethren in Christ Church, is chairman of the Program Council. President of the Executives' Conference is Attorney Ralph E. May, Denver, Colorado, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Rocky Mountain Region and until recently president of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union.

Our Christmas Wish . . . Every one of us at Headquarters wishes every one of you a very merry Christmas. As the candles of Christmas are lighted and we hear again the good news of Christ's birth, may your heart be brightened and your life enriched. "Many shall rejoice at His birth" . . . Luke 1:14.

HAROLD E. WESTERHOFF

Executive Secretary

Christian Endeavor Makes a Difference In the Church

By Rev. James K. Rapp



Christian Endeavor has a very special influence upon the church—both the local and the church of Christ.

A church with active Christian Endeavor societies is a church that is effective for Christ.

Christian Endeavor makes a difference in the church because she develops consecrated leadership.

Christian Endeavor produces leaders who are devoted to Christ. The very beginning of the pledge emphasizes salvation—"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ." No one is a leader in the church who is not saved. He may think he is a leader—he may even be called to as a leader—but only CHRIST can make a leader and He makes many devoted Christian leaders through Christian Endeavor.

Christian Endeavor not only emphasizes salvation, but encourages consecration. Christ is not satisfied just to save the soul—He wants to use the life. This great youth movement has embodied this profound truth and seeks to bring each member into a devoted relationship with Christ.

Christian Endeavor also produces leaders who are dedicated to service. Of course it shows that people who are devoted to the service of Christ cannot help but be dedicated to His service. The true spirit of worship through prayer and the reading of God's Word is promoted in the Christian Endeavor prayermeeting. Through this intimate close relationship with the living Lord young people are led to know and feel His anxious passion and concern for others. Hence they cannot help but serve.

Then too, Christian Endeavor teaches the meaning of stewardship. Every young person who is a vital part of this fine youth group knows that his time, his talent, and his money are a sacred trust from God and that he is a partner with God to do with only what God says he shall do. Thus the church with active Christian Endeavor has faithful stewards who give generously of their time, unreservedly of their talents, and sacrificially of their tithes and offerings. Such a church has a constant fruiting witness, she is filled with "family men" and a people who love to hear and obey the Word of God. Christian Endeavor DOES make a difference in the church.

II. Christian Endeavor makes a difference in the church because she cultures spiritual vision.

Christian Endeavor creates initiative. It is in this great organization that youth discovers his own personal ability to serve. With what satisfaction he learns to testify—to lead a meeting—to sing—to pray—to discuss a topic! Out of Christian Endeavor marches a host of Sunday school officers and teachers, church officials, ministers of the gospel, missionaries of the cross, and all kinds of Christian workers. Here youth discovers his personal abilities and the church's possibilities. Just listen to a discussion on the relation of the church to the world and someone will proffer an idea that will set the whole church aflame with enthusiasm to support a missionary, hold a street meeting, distribute tracts, conduct a jail service, or have a cottage prayermeeting.

Christian Endeavor creates initiatives and it also inspires endeavor. There is a spiritual impetus in this organization that makes youth want to do things for the Lord. There is an unusual contagion about the spirit of Christian Endeavor—a compelling force that imparts a desire to the young heart to serve his lovely Lord. There is also that impelling force that makes youth willing to do things. There may be a "No" at first—but after a time there is a secret longing in his heart to participate—to share in this greatest of all work, that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But there is still more! Christian Endeavor has a way in which she challenges to action. I like the way a young Endeavorer will launch out for Christ courageously and hopefully. That is exactly what Christ wants and no small wonder He can use so many Christian Endeavorers to do His bigger tasks.

Rev. James K. Rapp is the pastor of the Zion Evangelical Congregational Church of Allentown, Pennsylvania. He has served as a member of the Topics Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

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in the church and world. Then too, I like the way a young Endeavorer will explore new fields of conquest for Christ. He has a vision of the harvest and nothing will stop him in his pursuit of souls. But I also like the way a young Endeavorer goes forth to conquer the foe. He is seldom defeated. He may be discouraged, but like Paul he presses forth to woo and to win and he almost always DOES win for Christ.

Yes, it makes a difference when a church has active Christian Endeavor societies for that church is filled with faithful, aggressive, victorious servants of the Lord. Such a church has a VISION and realizes that vision.

III. Christian Endeavor makes a difference in the church because she fosters full-time servants.

This organization is youth's workshop of ideas and ideals. I know of no other youth group that imparts such ennobling and enriching ideas and ideals to the fertile minds of its members as does Christian Endeavor. It is here that youth learns to put Christ first and yearns to make Christ known.

Christian Endeavor is MORE than youth's workshop—it is youth's training center. This is the place where he learns to exercise in faith and works. Here he is presented with a big task and a bigger Christ to meet the task. He never needs to fear failure once he has learned to have faith in His Lord and Saviour. In Christian Endeavor he learns to grow in grace and the knowledge of God. As he exercises in the things of God he grows strong in the grace of God. It is because young Endeavorers grow strong in the Lord that they excel in purpose and aim. Many are the missionaries, teachers, ministers, and worthy servants of God who have presented themselves a living sacrifice unto God, because in Christian Endeavor they learned that this is their reasonable service.

Christian Endeavor DOES make a difference in the church. A church with ACTIVE Christian Endeavor societies is parent to that mighty army of men and women who are laying down their lives for their brethren in the regions beyond and who are faithfully serving the Lord in the homeland.

NO CHURCH can afford to be without the distinct privileges and glorious opportunities that are hers by virtue of CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—for in such a church, CHRIST SHALL REIGN!

Portland Prepares for Convention

Local Committee Gets Set To Welcome Many Endeavorers July 8-13 -- Registration Begins

Portland, Oregon is getting ready to entertain Christian Endeavorers of North America.

Preparations are being made for the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in the City of Roses July 8-13, 1957. It is expected that more than 3,000 will attend the sessions.

Philip Hitchcock Heads Committee

A committee, headed by Philip S. Hitchcock, director of public relations at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, is busy on local arrangements.

Walter Frutiger, former president of the Oregon Union and now chaplain of the Children's Farm Home, Corvallis, Oregon, is associate chairman of the planning committee.

Vice-chairmen are Marjory Boon, C. William King, Dorothy L. Kliks, Mrs. Albert Kribs and Glen W. Meek. Mrs. J. Lawrence Pieper is secretary of the local committee and William Bish is treasurer. Other members of the executive committee include Timothy J. Kribs, head of the Oregon Union; Ted Pattee, Portland Union president; Dorothy E. Howes, Oregon's executive secretary; and Cecil A. Jeffery, vice-president of International for the Pacific Region.



Headquarters Hotels

Headquarters will be the Heathman Hotels, conveniently located in downtown Portland.

Home housing at \$1.00 a night per person will be available, as well as dormitory housing for teen-agers at a reasonable cost.

The Public Auditorium will be the scene of most of the convention sessions, including quiet hour services, conferences, general morning assemblies, and the evening mass meetings.

The convention banquet is scheduled for the Masonic Temple in the heart of Portland.

Program Committee at Work

Under the chairmanship of Dr. W. Rash the Portland Program Committee is arranging an excellent program, featuring outstanding Christian speakers and leaders. Full details will be announced shortly.

Other members of the Program Committee include Rev. Robert Hess, chairman, Mary Campbell, Phil Hitchcock, Vernon Hoffman, Cecil Jeffery, Timothy J. Kribs, and Andrew White.

The convention will open Monday evening, July 8, and close with the meeting Saturday, July 13. Besides classes and other morning features will be denominational meetings, luncheons of various kinds, recreational activities and sight-seeing tours.

A program is planned for young leaders each morning with a young men's convention Saturday.

A great Christian Witness Parade will be held in the streets of downtown Portland on Saturday afternoon of the convention.

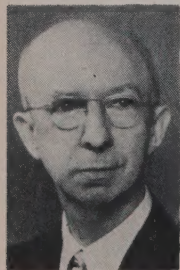
Plan Registration Campaign

A registration campaign for Endeavorers in North America outside of the state of Oregon will begin the first of January. State and provincial unions will vie for honors. Many registrars have already been appointed to recruit youth to sign up and come to the convention. Registrations are \$4.00.

Dr. Frederick L. Mintel Dies

On November 6 Dr. Frederick Lester Mintel, beloved Christian Endeavor leader, died suddenly at his home in Rahway, New Jersey. Funeral services were conducted in Rahway on November 9.

For more than 33 years executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Mintel was the "dean" of Christian Endeavor secretaries.



Dr. Mintel

On May 31 of this year Dr. Mintel retired and became executive secretary emeritus of the New Jersey Union. Following retirement he continued to give limited editorial and counseling direction to the work.

New Jersey Endeavorers honored Dr. Mintel with a Recognition Dinner on June 8 at Somerville, New Jersey. Many top leaders in Christian Endeavor were present to pay tribute to Dr. Mintel's devoted and faithful years of service to the youth of New Jersey and Christian Endeavor at home and abroad.

Dr. Mintel's long ministry through Christian Endeavor included membership on the Executive Committee of the International Society and many other important contributions to the movement.

In 1952 Dr. Mintel was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Bloomfield College and Seminary,

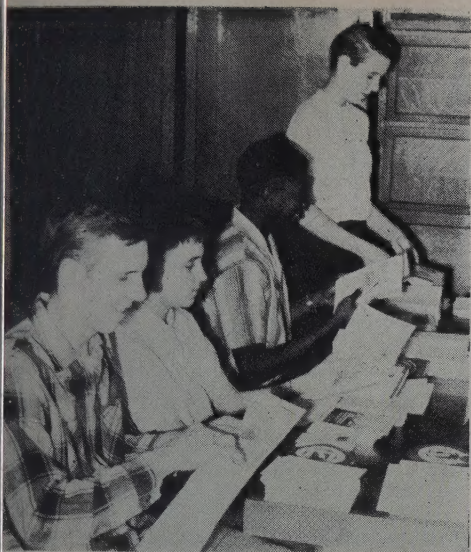
Bloomfield, New Jersey, of which he was an alumnus.

Immediate survivors include a son and brother, Elizabeth and S. A. Mintel, 757 Pierpont Street, Rahway, with whom Dr. Mintel had made home, and another sister, Mrs. S. Harned, also of Rahway.

Tribute to Dr. Mintel

"He has been used of God to change and to influence innumerable lives, both of young people and adults. He has added immeasurably to the onward march of the Christian Endeavor movement, often under trying circumstances. He has endeared himself to the hearts of his countless associates across the world by his beautiful Christian life, by his vision and efficiency, and his boundless energy." Rev. Earle W. Gates, President, International Society.

Mr. Christian Endeavor of New Jersey



HELPED BY ENDEAVORERS — *Franklin City (Ohio) Christian Endeavorers helped stuff 1957 Christian Endeavor Week Packets. Shown working are (left to right) Robert Hildreth, Virgil Hildreth, Samuel Clark, and Carolyn Hildreth.*

Christian Endeavor Week—
January 27 - February 3

Youth Will Celebrate

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS are planning a week of celebration marking the 76th birthday of the movement.

"Consider Your Call" is the theme for Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week which will be observed January 27 - February 3. Programs of societies and unions throughout North America will lift up the thought that "Christ Shall Reign Through Me."

The story of Christian Endeavor will be told by many means. Stories will appear in newspapers, magazines, and church bulletins. Outdoor poster panels will be displayed along the streets and highways in the United States and Canada. Television and radio programs are planned.

Christian Endeavorers will take part in many services when denominational day will be marked Sunday, January 27, and Christian Endeavor Day will be held February 3.

Union rallies, banquets, conferences, and many special projects are planned for the observance of Christian Endeavor's birthday.

A packet containing a manual with suggestions for Christian Endeavor Week together with party, banquet, publicity, and other plans may be secured from state or provincial union offices or the International Society for 50 cents.

Youth Eligible for Awards In Citizenship Contest

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR'S sixth annual Citizenship Contest is on.

Youth may send their entry blanks for the contest to the International Society of Christian Endeavor at Columbus, Ohio. The last date for mailing entries is February 4, 1957. Awards totaling \$1,000 with two all-expense paid trips to the 44th International Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, 1957, are being offered.

All youth in the United States or Canada who have not reached their 25th birthday by February 4, 1957, are eligible to compete. Youth still in high school or below will be judged in Division A, while older youth will participate in Division B of the contest.

Winners will be decided on the merits of "A Letter to My Congressman" (or in Canada, "A Letter to my M.P.") on the subject "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a Christian Citizenship Service Record of the individual. These must be in the hands of the state or provincial citizenship director by February 25.

State and provincial winners will be selected by March 15, with regional winners being decided by April 5. Final judging will be completed by April 25 and International winners announced shortly thereafter.

Leaflets giving detailed information may be secured through state or provincial Christian Endeavor unions or the International Society.

ENTRY BLANK

Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 4, 1957

Citizenship Director
 International Society of Christian Endeavor
 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

I hereby enter Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Please send me the Service Record blanks.

Name
 (Please Print)

Number and Street

City, Zone and State

Local Church
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth

I am in high school or below ☐

I am out of high school but have not reached my 25th birthday ☐

I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined in the contest folder ☐

.....
 (Signature of Entrant)

Phyllis I. Rike Named Editor Of THE WORLD

Phyllis I. Rike of Columbus, Ohio, has been named Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, according to announcement by Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.



Phyllis I. Rike

Miss Rike succeeds Rev. Stanley G. Matthews, who recently accepted the position of director of public relations for the Committee on Religion In American Life (RIAL) in New York City.

Miss Rike has been associated with Christian Endeavor headquarters since the offices were moved to Columbus in 1946. The last five years she has served as assistant to the general secretary, and was recently named to the position of executive assistant.

Local, state, and regional Christian Endeavor positions have been held by Miss Rike. As a past president she is now an advisor of the Franklin County (Ohio) Christian Endeavor Union. Currently serving as Recreation Superintendent of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, she has been editor of the state paper, THE BUCKEYE ENDEAVORER, as well as office manager, secretary, and convention program chairman. In 1951 she served as chairman of the program committee for the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Michigan City, Indiana. Miss Rike was secretary of the local committee for the International Christian Endeavor Convention held in Columbus in 1955.

Miss Rike is a member of Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, where she is superintendent of the Junior High department and sponsor of the Teen-Age Girls' Missionary Circle. She is a charter member of the Edgehill Auxiliary to Columbus Goodwill Industries. Miss Rike is a graduate of Central High School and Bliss Business College, both of Columbus, Ohio.

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Delegates to the Texas Christian Endeavor Convention June 14 to 17 at Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Texas, pose for formal portrait. In second row fifth from right is the Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Nelda Jean Thomas of Houston, wife of Division B in the 1956 Citizenship Contest was a delegate.

MAKING A WILL?

Remember Christian Endeavor . . .

Yes, remember Christian Endeavor International in your will, that its ministry may be undergirded in the days ahead.

A sample bequest:

*I give and bequeath to the International
Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus,
Ohio, the sum of Dollars.*

For information write to:

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**

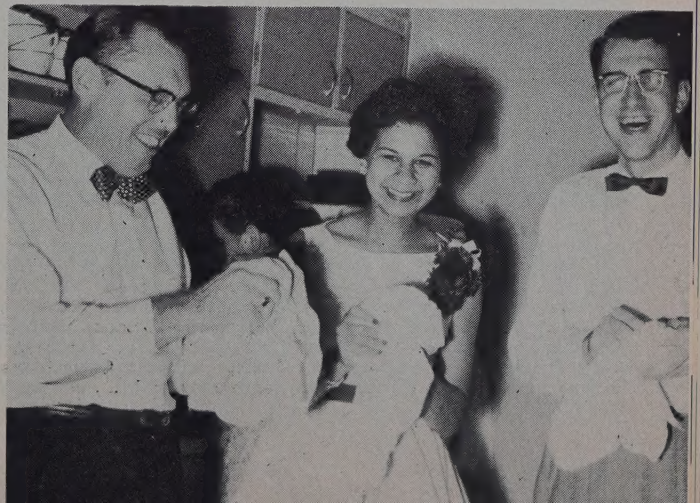
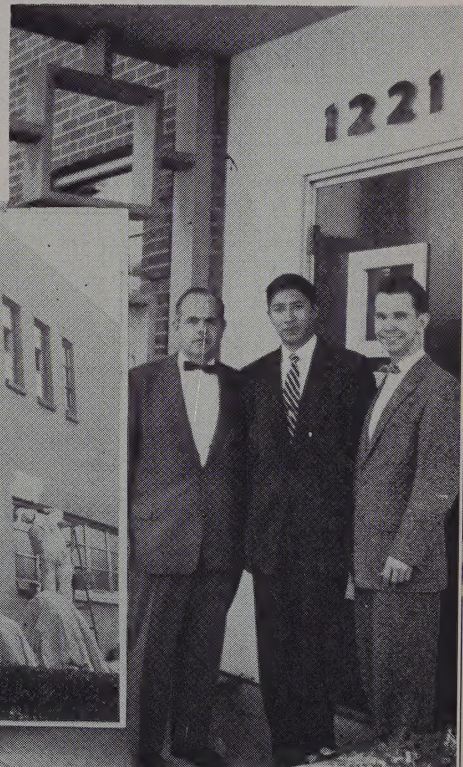
1221 East Broad Street

Columbus 16, Ohio

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEADERS AT HEADQUARTERS—Top left—Members of Finance Committee meet in treasurer's office, with Chairman Norman Klauder seated in center. Top right—Mrs. Bryan presents portrait of Ernest R. Bryan as President Earle W. Gates looks on. Center left—Danny Spring, Ohio Union president, signs go book in foyer. Center—Painters give "1221" a new look. Center right—Rev. Oliver Hsu (center), Chinese Endeavor from Shanghai, is welcomed by Harold E. Westerhoff (left) and Robert C. Ross. Bottom left—Junior Work Committee selects 1958 Junior topics under leadership of Chairman Nellie V. Griffin (third from right). Bottom right—Rev. Elwyn Dunn (left) and Albert Day help typist Roberta Jackson with K.P. duty following buffet supper prepared by of personnel for members of International Executive Committee.



*They Came
To "1221"*

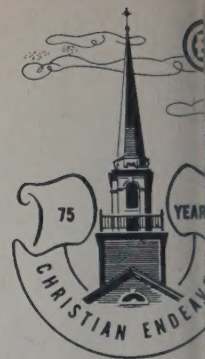




Diamond Jubilee

Quarter and Half Century Clubs

Proudly we present an honor listing of individuals who joined Christian Endeavor more than 25 years ago. This is the final roll to be published in connection with the 75th anniversary. Information has been furnished by the persons or by friends.



Half Century Club

Anna L. Anderson, Hannibal, Mo.
Bert A. Bookman, Freeport, Ill.
David S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Carrie Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mayme Clodfelter, West Salem, Ill.
Amos E. Colman, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Mrs. Arie K. Dubach, Hannibal, Mo.
Millie Duvall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Jose Bautz Fieger, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Winnie Ford, Peoria, Ill.
I. B. Gilbert, Moline, Ill.
Harry Githens, Quincy, Ill.
Vida Graham, Freeport, Ill.
Orbie S. Griffith, San Anselmo, Calif.
Bessie M. Hubbs, Kirkville, N. Y.
James O. Johnston, New Castle, Pa.
Mrs. James O. Johnston, New Castle, Pa.
Dr. W. A. Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Albert C. King, San Anselmo, Calif.
Mrs. Albert C. King, San Anselmo, Calif.
Hilda Krumm, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Leola Bahl Kuhn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Kathryn McKnight, Denver, Colo.

Clara Milleon, Peoria, Ill.
Mrs. Anna Jones Moore, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Mildred Jones Morgan, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ray K. Peebles, Boston, Mass.
Dora Pfannenschmidt, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Edna May Pritchard, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Edith Prosser, Pittsburgh, Pa.
H. Percival Riley, Kew Gardens, N. Y.
Fanny Lou Say, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Jessie Schofield, Peoria, Ill.
Albert H. Vogt, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Albert H. Vogt, Pittsburgh, Pa.
George Williams, Fairhaven, N. J.
Mrs. George Williams, Fairhaven, N. J.
Mrs. Nora Locke Williamson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Margaret Pritchard Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
John H. Winter, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Annabell McAnulty Wood, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Carrie Shearer Wortman, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quarter Century Club

William J. Archer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. William J. Archer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. James A. Balsley, Connellsville, Pa.
Betty Bellwood, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Paul Bellwood, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Luther Bergman, Tulare, Calif.
Mabel J. Blough, Pittsburgh 8, Pa.
Rev. A. W. Bowser, Hilliards, Pa.
Lorene Brain, Citrus Heights, Calif.
Edward M. Campbell, Hannibal, Mo.
Mrs. Edward M. Campbell, Hannibal, Mo.
Rachel Clodfelter, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Marie Cummings, Hannibal, Mo.
J. Merrill Dixon, Zelenople, Pa.
Mrs. J. Merrill Dixon, Zelenople, Pa.
Kenneth Engle, North Hollywood, Calif.
Nellie Ford, Pittsburgh, Pa.
William C. Garnett, Rensselaer, Mo.
Mrs. I. B. Gilbert, Moline, Ill.
Stella Grammer, Hannibal, Mo.
Mrs. John C. Handley, Beaumont, Calif.
Russell Haynes, Springfield, Ill.
Mrs. Russell Haynes, Springfield, Ill.
Vera Hise, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oscar Imbach, Chino, Calif.
Mrs. Oscar Imbach, Chino, Calif.
Cecil A. Jeffery, Los Angeles, Calif.
Mrs. Cecil A. Jeffery, Los Angeles, Calif.
Mrs. Amy Jordan, Ridgefarm, Ill.
George H. Kelker, Logan, Utah
Mrs. Ralph Lemon, Milan, Ill.
C. J. List, Los Altos, Calif.
Anna Mahler, Long Island City, N. Y.
Gilbert Maple, Peoria, Ill.
C. R. Morley, Bakersfield, Calif.
James Neiman, Oakland, Calif.
Mrs. Willis R. Oden, Redlands, Calif.
Elmer W. Olson, Los Angeles, Calif.
Mrs. Elmer W. Olson, Los Angeles, Calif.
Ralph Peacher, Springfield, Ill.
Mrs. Ralph Peacher, Springfield, Ill.
William C. Price, Hannibal, Mo.
Mrs. William C. Price, Hannibal, Mo.
Herbert E. Quandt, Daly City, Calif.
Marguerite M. Rau, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Henrietta D. Say, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pearle E. Schultz, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Chester Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
J. Addison Smith, Greensboro, N. Car.
Happer B. Storer, Ocalo, Fla.
Mrs. Happer B. Storer, Ocalo, Fla.
Mrs. Elizabeth Thorne, Pittsburgh, Pa.
F. C. Towle, Stockton, Calif.
Jason Vaughan, Springfield, Ill.
Charles Voight, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rutherford B. West, Petersburg, Va.
Raymond Young, Springfield, Ill.



Three Maryland Christian Endeavor Union leaders whose service in Christian Endeavor totals 79 years were honored by the Union at its annual state convention September 14-16 at Goucher College, Towson, Md. The trio was presented with red and white carnation corsages during an "It Could Be You" banquet attended by 155 Endeavorers. The three honored were, left to right, Phyllis (Foos) Briel, Nellie Griffin and Marguerite Discus. Banquet speaker was the Rev. George Weaver of the State Line, Pa., United Brethren Church. The Rev. R. Richard Summer of Hagerstown Christ Lutheran Church was toastmaster. Many 25-year and 50-year Endeavorers were recognized. Jean L. Vaughn was banquet chairman.

own-hill skiing, that which occurred in the few seconds of travel may determine what ens to you on the slopes far below. The swift, straight, confident take-off can fore- your later triumphs. The whole course counts t let's be sure of . . .

Starting Right

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

By Bert H. Davis

Yosemite Park, U. S.
Dept. of the Interior



HAT about 1956? Was it a good year for the young adult group—a good year for church, its community, its denomination? To put it more bluntly: *Did our group effectively for Christ and His Church* 6?

believe the young adults' officers, in an annual meeting with the minister or an skilled adviser, might benefit if they will own a few *high points* of the group's es and progress in 1956.

a typical unit of young adults, the high could include:

Growth. We added . . . members, we . . . members. Net growth. . . .

Training. Our most important and best ted training activities were: Toward ving Church Work, . . . ; Christian Life, . . . ; Good Citizenship, . . . ; unity Improvements, . . . , etc.

service in Our Church. As a group, we pated in . . . (. . . members were gaged). Individual members of our serving in various capacities in the , worked in these capacities: . . . , etc.

service in Our Community. (To follow me general outline as No. 3.)

Finances. We raised and donated, by nd-such means, \$. . . ; we used funds as follows:

W, many a young adult group, or even loosely organized number of Christian vor "veterans" or Alumni, may go some- beyond the five listings we've proposed. within the five classifications, however, typical young adult unit should be able cover its successes and its shortcomings. group may be out of balance. Perhaps rned much in the field of theory, but weak in positive Christian, church-related . And then there's another possible flaw a young adult program, which seems a paragraph all by itself.

are familiar with young adult groups include several young men and women

who are individually active and useful in the life and work of church and community. *Their church work—their attitude toward Christian obligations—should be leavening and inspiring a similar intensity of interest and loyalty among their young adult fellow members.* Trouble is, communication between the workers and the "waiters" seems lacking or lax and occasional. In the No. 1 category, as listed above, any such unit needs more activity, more communication, more inspiring help with training by the doers among the young adults.

We should not always let (human) nature take its course! Some of our Christian young adults will be self-starters, so presently you'll find them invited to teach a class, head a church committee, spark-plug a parish project, accept service on a church board. (Where is Bill today? "At the church assembly." "Speaking in Valley Church, out in the country." "Helping young adults organize, at Friendly Mission." And everyone remarks, "Bill has become a fine, effective leader in Christian work!")

Others among us must be invited, urged, pushed into these and other forms of service. We'd remain spectators, while the active team contests on the field, or while the patiently trained skier (with no more initial skill than ours) travels smoothly down his course.

But the Master didn't invite us to be spectators! "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Or as St. Paul said: "For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry ('a field of God's tilling'); ye are God's building." At its best the Church is composed of a limited number of full-time ministers and a host of active, voluntary witnesses, each doing his best to advance the Cause of Christ among men.

THE heading for this page has a timely significance. We are at the threshold of A. D. 1957, a new year whose very number suggests that there was a new starting-point for mankind with the birth of our Lord. This

is a moment for taking stock, for noting and then burying our failures, for casting off into a new and greater venture. This is a time when we should pray for strength and for a better vision as to our active part in the Christian Church. As individuals and as a young adult group, we should be ready to rise from our knees, to seek out the ways in which we may be more useful to Christ and the ways in which we should prepare for greater usefulness. Turn to some of these sections of "With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor" (International Society of Christian Endeavor, \$.75): Page 20, last two paragraphs; the chapter on Projects, beginning at Page 21; and the brief comments on related subjects under Topics Nos. 1, 7-8-9, 11, 13, 15, 24, 29, 38-39-40, 49. These topics, with suggested Scripture references, may be used for personal reading and meditation. They will serve your entire group if you use several from this list as starting-points for group meetings.

"I MOVED into another church last year," a young adult woman told my wife, "I enrolled in our . . . group, and they put me to work immediately."

"It's the practice of our group to enlist only members who want to be active. We all accept work for the church as a personal responsibility. And do things happen!"

Suppose all, or even most, of our young adult groups, "starting right" in 1957, would determine that this will be their spirit!

And why not? For most young adult members and leaders who will read this page have come from Christian Endeavor beginnings. In earlier years, we've been committed to: Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, Fellowship with Christ's People. Now we have surer knowledge of what these principles mean to us. With experience gained through the years, we are equipped to use God's help to teach, inspire, lead and serve with greater effectiveness. May 1957 be the year in which we "start right" with Christ, to become useful as never before in service in and for the Christian Church!



Open Your Windows to God

No. 1 in a Series: "Living in the Light"

Philippians 4:4-7; Ephesians 6:17, 18

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JANUARY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing the Leader

1. Repeat several times the words of Augustine, in the first paragraph of His Confessions, "Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

2. As a leader remember that you must work out the soul's vision splendid in the place where God put you. It often happens that life's high goal is reached along an obscure valley.

3. Give yourself anew to God for a year of definite service in the field of your love and choice.

Biblical References

Two references for meditation are Philippians 4:4-7 and Ephesians 6:17, 18. Paul admonishes the Philippians to "rejoice in the Lord." He desires that they be continually happy but this happiness can be found only in the Lord. Genuine happiness is spiritual as it can only come from God.

As we open our windows to God at the outset of a new year we are not fully aware of all that shall be our lot from day to day. But one thing is sure, we can rejoice under all circumstances, no matter what the sacrifice, the trials, or the losses may be. All these are part of the divine plan in accordance with which all things work together for good to the people of God. This is a good way to face all our tomorrows, "Rejoice always."

Glance at Ephesians 6:17, 18 and note Paul's closing words on the warrior's armor. In v. 11 we are admonished to put on the whole armor of God, and in v. 17 we are to take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. To take one step into the new year without this armor of God renders us unfit to stand up against the wiles of the Devil. We, in our own strength, are no match for Satan's cunning devices apart from the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. The sword is a very necessary and useful part of a soldier's equipment. The Word of God is necessary and of great use to the Christian in order to wage his spiritual warfare and succeed in it.

Basic Material

Our unit of study is "Living in the Light" and we have three topics which deal with the elements of personal Christian faith and practice. Today we consider, "Open Your Windows to God." We have identified ourselves with God, our heavenly Father, and with Jesus Christ, our exalted Redeemer. We have found rich values in worship, especially when we worship in spirit and in truth. When we open our windows to God we express to Him our ultimate and sincere desires. Worship is experiencing the presence of God. In His presence we feel possessed of the mind of Christ as He enters into the affairs of our lives. We permit Him to guide us in our decisions and activities.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What really happens to us when we worship?
2. What suggestions have you to offer to make the church worship service more attractive and challenging as well as reverent?
3. Have we truly worshipped if we have failed to serve needy humanity on life's roadside?
4. Are we guilty of being careless and thoughtless in our physical deportment in the service of worship?
5. Is it possible to sit through a service of worship and not be quickened in your devotional life?
6. Does the sight of others devoutly occupied in the holy exercise of worship quicken your soul?

Isaiah was a prophet whose voice was raised against social injustice (Isaiah 1:15, 17, 21, 23). He denounced the false elements in religious worship. He was conscious of the problems of his people. He sought to keep his people aware of God as their Sovereign. He lived to see the day when King Hezekiah and the people really trusted God and witnessed the overthrow of Sennacherib and his hosts. Isaiah saw the Invisible One. He travelled the worship way, and thereby reached the eminent heights of usefulness as the statesman and prophet of Judah.

1. When we open our windows to God we universally confess our need of Him. The man of today bows before something, whether it is himself, his money, his business, or his God. The problem today is to get people to bow before the right altar. The right altar represents God who has made man, but there are many altars which represent gods which have been made by man. Before which one to bow is every man's choice. When on the Lord's Day you have to make a choice between the church and recreation, or the church and a comfortable bed, you are definitely choosing your altar.

2. When we open our windows to God it is not an end in itself. There are people who believe that when they worship they are doing God a favor. Worship is for the good of the worshipper. If church worship is vital it will not end with the singing of the last hymn. It should give us a fresh vision of the tasks that need to be done as we leave the sanctuary.

From The Book of Books

- M., Dec. 31. Windows of Worship. Psalm 95:1-6.
T., Jan. 1. Windows of Service. Romans 12:1, 2.
W., Jan. 2. Windows of Nature. Matthew 6:26-30.
T., Jan. 3. Windows of Giving. Malachi 3:10-12.
F., Jan. 4. Windows of Trust. Psalm 37:1-5.
S., Jan. 5. Windows of Love. I John 4:7-11.
Sun., Jan. 6. Topic—Open Your Windows to God. Philippians 4:4-7; Ephesians 6:17, 18.

Charles M. Sheldon said, "Unless we culminate in action, in conduct, in desire, a better world, made so by our actions, vain show, a ministering to our emotion, our esthetic feelings, but empty of result the good of the place where we live." We have his Jericho road. The priest and the found the Jericho road leading from temple worship service. Worship was a to an end and that end was serving humanity on life's roadside.

A worshipping church is planted on the of Ages. There it is in position to throw a lifeline to others, which it could not it were floundering in troubled waters. disciples found that the mount of vision transfiguration led to the valley below w suffering humanity.

3. When we open our windows to God is an opportunity for rewinding, energy and filling the soul with light. All of us recall when the grandfather clock within home was wound. How inefficient is a run-down clock; but a run-down individual is just helpless. If a clock is to properly function it must be periodically rewound. This rewinding builds up the energy which will be expended during the hours to follow. So minister to himself and his fellowmen most effectively his periods for building the energy which will be consumed during his hours of work and play.

Clockmakers will tell you that the coiled spring usually comes when there is a rewinding. How true this is, also, with the break comes when he is run down. said, "The Sabbath was made for man," an opportunity given to man to renew strength.

Backing the Project

1. Prepare a Sunday chart indicating the sermon, point of application, and court direction. Mark it each time you come from a worship service.

2. Assign ten people to interview and on Monday and secure personal reactions concerning the service of worship. Check off sermon, point of application, and what happened to the worshipper.

Best Illustration

A stranger passing some mines in Peru, asked a little boy why the field was full of mules. "These mules are worked in mine during the week, and are brought to the light on Sunday to keep them from blind." The application is apparent. Do allow yourself to go spiritually blind. Open your windows to God. Let His light shine into your heart.

A minister told a poor washerwoman glad he was to see her in her place in church every Sunday and so attentive to sermons. "Yes, it is such a rest after a week of work," she said, "to come to church and just sit down and not think about anything."

Make Your Decisions Stick

Acts 2:41. 42. 46: Hebrews 3:14



JANUARY 6

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

It's Resolve

New Year's resolutions come in for considerable ridicule at the hands of columnists, wise-crackers. Of late even the psychologists have shown signs of turning thumbs down on them. But most of us have had the experience of profiting largely by high resolves made and kept.

Only as we resolve to keep our own resolutions, and not depend upon others to keep them for us, will they amount to anything for us. There are some things which we can do for ourselves, and which no one can possibly do for us. Moral progress is our own responsibility. No one can make it in our behalf.

We can have the help of high-minded Christian friends. Acts 2:42 tells that the early church members continued STEADFASTLY their teaching, fellowship, communion, and singing. The 46th verse says that they continued DAILY with their "resolutions." Hebrews 3:14 ties in closely with this topic. Pick up the passage.

Every Day Can Have Beauty

In tacking up a new wall calendar bearing unfamiliar dates of the New Year upon it, a young girl said with a prophetic tone of assurance in her voice, "It is going to be a beautiful year." A friend standing by heard the girl's prediction concerning the nature of the coming year, and being curious to know what was in her mind, she asked, "How do you know it is going to be a beautiful year? A year is a long time." "Well," she said, "a year isn't a long time, and I know it is going to be beautiful because I am going to take my share at a time to make it so. Years are only years, when you come right down to it, and I am going to see to it that every single day of the year gets at least one beautiful thing out of it." Does this girl have the right viewpoint?

Make Your Decisions Stick

The topic title is "Make Your Decisions Stick." Many of the members of our Christian Endeavor have done well during the past year. Their achievements in Christian Endeavor show that some have been working. But have any of us done our very best? Cannot we do better still this year? Here's how:

Make Your Decisions Stick in the School of Life

Life is a great school and we are the pupils. In this school there are many valuable lessons for us to learn. The great Teacher, Jesus Christ, would teach us lessons in patience, in humility, in courage, in obedience, in wisdom, in unselfishness, in cooperation, in service, in love. Shall we not be more diligent students this year?

Make Your Decisions Stick in the Harvest Field of Life

Life is a great harvest field. Yes, the fields are white unto harvest, and as laborers we are

OUR AIMS

1. To take a backward look at the reasons for resolutions made for 1957.

2. To challenge Intermediates to a dogged determination to keep their resolutions faithfully.

3. To feel a fellowship of friends seeking to "do better still" in 1957.

QUESTIONS

1. Let each write one resolution made. Fold paper and let leader collect these. The leader sets the example, both in the matter of writing and in leading the group single-file either to throw their papers into the blazing fireplace or to ignite them in the flame of the candle and drop them into a bowl to be consumed. The resolution is known only to God and the individual. It is for each Endeavorer with God's help to fulfill the resolution.

2. Are resolutions helpful? How?

3. Why are New Year's resolutions so often failures? How can one safeguard himself from failing in his resolutions?

4. If one should resolve that during the New Year he will seek in everything to do what Christ would have him to do, what do you think the result would be?

5. What practical openings are there in the work of the church in your community which young people could fill for the coming year?

entreated to gather the precious grain. Our lives should bring forth fruit—the fruit of the Spirit.

Make Your Decisions Stick in the Book of Life

Among the images under which life has been pictured, few are more suggestive than that of a book. A book is a collection of written or printed sheets bound together in orderly succession, each page telling a part of a complete story.

Life too is a succession of days and years. In the book of life each day fashions a word, each week a sentence, each month a paragraph, and each year a page. The book of life stands as a true record for one writes it himself. Perhaps some of the pages have been defaced or blotted, but a clean, fresh page is given us again. Shall we not do better this year in our record of that which is worth while?

From God's Book

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| M., Dec. 31. | Don't Grow Weary. | Galatians 6:7-10. |
| T., Jan. 1. | Good to be Established. | Hebrews 13:8, 9. |
| W., Jan. 2. | The Immovables. | Psalms 15. |
| T., Jan. 3. | Steadfast in Christ. | I Corinthians 15:57, 58. |
| F., Jan. 4. | Advance. | Philippians 3:13, 14. |
| S., Jan. 5. | Reward for "Sticking." | James 1:12. |
| Sun., Jan. 6. | Topic—Make Your Decisions Stick. | Acts 2:41, 42, 46; Hebrews 3:14. |

Make Your Decisions Stick in the Christian Life

We will do still better this year if we follow a few simple rules. Spend more time in prayer, more time in a study of the Word, more time in the work and worship of the church, more time in service for others, more time with God. If we seek to make our faith stronger in God, if we seek to love Christ with all our hearts, if we seek the guidance of His Spirit in all things, we will do better this year in every sphere of activity.

Keep Trying

Suppose you fail in keeping a good resolution. Don't let that get you down. If one fails fifty days during the year, the score is still 315 to 50. One stays on the winning side. How much better this is than to feel you ought to make no resolutions. If we really mean business—every morning is a new beginning, not merely every New Year's Day. Recall Paul's statement: I press on toward the goal. (Phil. 3:14)

The Three-Fold Results

PERSONAL SATISFACTION. There is satisfaction to come to the end of work well done. May you have few regrets at the end of the year.

THE WORLD MADE BETTER. Surely we would like to see the world better. It can become much better if those living in it would be better.

GOD GLORIFIED. Man is created to glorify God. We glorify Him when we do our very best for Him and His Kingdom.

Statement by the Leader Concerning "First Things" During the New Year

Businessmen speak often about priorities. There are some Christian priorities—things that deserve to be first in the life of a Christian. What are they? What should they be for each of us? This is a decision which no one can make for another. During the readings that follow, may each of us quietly face the all-important question: What shall I put first in my own life during this year?"

Readings (to be given by one or more persons with intervals of silence between):

- (a) Matthew 22:38-40
- (b) Matthew 5:23-24
- (c) Matthew 7:3-5
- (d) Matthew 6:33
- (e) Matthew 6:19-24

It is good to remind ourselves at the outset of the New Year that something must be first in our lives. Not everything can come first. When a person comes to a fork in the road, he cannot take both roads. He must choose. One of them must come first in his mind. A high school pupil cannot be a top-ranking athlete and a widely known play-boy. He must choose. One of these ambitions must come first for him. During this year there are many things we could do to make our decisions stick. Discuss them.



Learn How to Work with God

No. 2 in a Series: "Living in the Light"

Matthew 20:25-27; Acts 2:1-8; Psalm 16:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JANUARY 1961

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. As a leader, what would you consider the best way to get ready for God's appointment?

2. Make a list of your skills for work and witness. Select the five major ones and work on them.

3. What would you consider a first step in order to work with God?

Biblical References

We have three portions of scripture for our prayerful analysis, Matthew 20:25-27; Acts 2:1-8; Psalm 16:8. Beginning at Matthew 20:20 you have James and John, through their mother, making an ambitious request, that they might sit, one on His right hand and the other on His left, in His kingdom. When you examine this request you have two things. First, a great degree of faith. They were confident of His kingdom. Second, a great degree of ignorance. They still expected a temporal kingdom with worldly pomp and power. But Jesus informed them, "Ye know not what ye ask." They talked about His kingdom as blind men do about colors. They might have the thought of crowns and garlands whereas there were far greater hardships and difficulties before them than they had yet faced. We know not what we ask when we ask for the glory of wearing the crown but do not ask for grace to bear the cross on our way to reaching the crown.

How true, "Ye know not what ye ask." Follow the instruction of Christ here and you will discover that it is the duty of Christ's disciples to serve one another. The followers of Jesus Christ must be ready to stoop to the lowliest services of love for the good of one another. The great apostle Paul made himself everyone's servant. We must learn how to work with God in all humility and usefulness. All of our abilities must be invested in the service of the King of Kings. What we give Him He blesses and uses for His glory and the advancement of His cause. Are we willing to serve? Do you know the depth of your love for Jesus Christ? If so, then you know the measurement of your usefulness. Jesus Christ sets Himself before His disciples as a pattern of those two things before recommended, humility and usefulness.

In Acts 2:1-8 we have the account of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus Christ. It is most interesting to observe that the symbol used to designate the power of the Gospel dispensation was not an iron rod nor a sword nor a pontifical mitre, but a cloven tongue, the symbol of speech. It is always good to know that God is not in the storm nor in the earthquake, but in the still small voice. If we go forth to work for God we must have our heart in it, and we must have something in our heart. If we are earnest and enthusiastic, the fire of our own souls will kindle a flame in the souls of others. There is work for us to do. We are but His chisels to carve His statues in this world. We must yield ourselves altogether to Christ and let

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why should young people especially ask what they are doing with life?

2. Why does the shirker fail?

3. What is your own frank opinion of people who say, "I am too busy to work with God or for Him?"

4. What are some of the satisfactions that come in working with God?

5. What have you done this past week for Christ and His Church?

Him use us. Then His power, His wisdom, His skill, His thought and His love shall flow through our soul, our brain, our heart, and our fingers.

Psalm 16 is a gem from the pen of David. V. 8 is quoted by Peter in his first sermon, after the pouring out of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. He tells us expressly that David speaks concerning Jesus Christ. This verse would indicate that Jesus Christ did those things that pleased His Father. He had an eye to His Father's commandments, the will of Him that sent Him. There is no better way to work for God than to have an eye fixed on His eternal purpose, and a life in constant tune with His infinite grace and power. We have a job to do and we must do it.

Basic Material

This is our second topic dealing with the elements of personal Christian faith and practice. Today we consider, "Learn How to Work with God."

In the book of Acts you see a great deal of activity. This book is called "The Acts of the Apostles." It could well be called, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." For now with the Holy Spirit poured out we see men and women in the grip of a great power, the power of the Holy Spirit. They go forth as witnesses for Jesus Christ. Jesus said to them, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

1. If we want to work with God we must have spiritual power, or the power of the Spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power." He was not talking about physical power, like that possessed by Samson when he carried upon his back the gates of Gaza. This had nothing to do with bone and muscle and sinew. It had nothing to do with the power of logic. The disciples were to convert souls and mere argument cannot do this. Nor was it the power of eloquence, though that is not to be despised. We cannot deny that there is

a tremendous power in words. They breathe, they burn, they fly, they travel about the world charged with fire and force; but there is something they cannot do, they cannot regenerate a soul. It was spiritual power, the power of the Holy Spirit. It was the power of a living union with a living God. If we want to work with God we are rendered helpless apart from the spiritual power.

2. If we want to work with God we ought to have a working knowledge of stewardship and God's call. Life itself is a sacred trust and a man can have no higher calling than to do the will of God in it. We believe that you, friends, your schooling, and the many things of vital interest about you are a part of the will of God for you. But when our Heavenly Father wants a special piece of work done for His people He chooses and calls those who He sees are fitted for the task. Sometimes the task is temporary, as when Noah was called to build the ark or Jonah was sent to Nineveh; sometimes it is a permanent work, a life work as when the Master of men called the fishermen of Galilee to be fishers of men. Today finds us still fishing for men. To live as stewards, to be found faithful on the great day of reckoning, should be our earnest desire and endeavor. Happy will that soul be who hears the Master say, "Well done."

3. If we work with God there must be deep consecration and a genuine willingness to work on our part. In the book of Acts you can reach out and touch the depth of consecration and willingness. Think about your own church and the great work that remains to be done. Think of the unwillingness of some people to lift burdens and to stand in the gap for God. They truly lack consecration. We must learn how to work with God. This is a daily process. Oak trees are not made overnight and leaders are not developed in a few lessons. How eager God is to use us; but we must learn how to work with God, not against Him. He knows what He wants and He knows how to bring the best out of us. May our consecration and willingness be such that God will not have to waste one moment in getting us to the place where He really wants us.

Backing the Project

1. Plan an intensive visitation campaign to all the delinquents in your church. Consult your pastor. Endeavor to secure their interest for Christ and the Church.

2. Study the work of your church and make a list of the offices and the persons who hold them, and the activities of the church and Sunday school. Try to ascertain what might be the true story if there was a greater willingness and deeper consecration on the part of the members.

Best Illustration

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured by money, and that is sincerity and integrity."

"Most of God's trouble with laborers in His vineyard can be traced to absenteeism." *Protestant Voice.*

Bible Meditations

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| M., Jan. 7. | First Things First. | Matthew 6:27-34. |
| T., Jan. 8. | Serving God. | Colossians 3:23, 24. |
| W., Jan. 9. | By Working with Men. | Matthew 24:34-40. |
| T., Jan. 10. | Service Proves Faith. | Isaiah 2:10-18. |
| F., Jan. 11. | Fruit Bearing. | John 15:1-5. |
| S., Jan. 12. | Be Not Weary. | Galatians 6:7-10. |
| Sun., Jan. 13. | Topic—Learn How to Work with God. | Matthew 20:25-27; Acts 2:1-8; Psalm 16:8. |

Stand With God

I Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:13; Joshua 24:14-16, 24



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JANUARY 13

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Said So"

The emperor Napoleon I was reviewing troops upon the Place du Carrousel, in Paris. In giving an order he thoughtlessly slipped the bridle upon his horse's neck, and instantly set off on a gallop. The emperor was obliged to cling to the saddle. At that moment a common soldier of the line stepped before the horse, seized the bridle and held it respectfully to the emperor. "Much obliged to you, captain," said the chief, by one word making the soldier a captain. The man believed the emperor, and saluting asked, "Of what regiment, sire?" Napoleon, charmed with his faith, replied, "Of my regiment!" and galloped off.

As soon as the emperor left, the soldier laid down his gun, saying, "He may take it who will," and instead of returning to his command, he approached the group of staff officers. Seeing him, one of the generals scornfully said, "What does this fellow want here?" The fellow," replied the soldier proudly, "is captain of the guard." "You? My poor fellow! You are mad to say so!" "He said it," replied the soldier, pointing to the emperor who was still in sight. "I ask your pardon," said the general respectfully, "I was not aware of it."

There is a striking illustration of faith in the word of a man. Faith in God is just as simple and final. "He said so" should be sufficient authority—sufficient foundation for us to rest on. So when Paul writes "Wherefore take up the whole armor of God . . . and stand," we must respond.

Preparation to Stand

In the Ephesian letter Paul compares the spiritual life with the life of a Roman soldier. He admonishes the Christians, "Wherefore take up unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6:13). The writer then mentions each piece of the armor of a Roman soldier. These are the helmet, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, and sword. No soldier was ready for battle until all articles of equipment were in place. Paul then makes the spiritual application for the Christian's armor. He states that the loins must be girded with truth—truth about God, Christ, redemption, eternity, and all essentials for Christian life and service. It includes righteousness—that idea of being righteous in the right in all relationships of life. The spiritual armor includes the shield of faith to ward off the fiery darts of the wicked, the helmet, and the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit. The Lord will abundantly provide all needed spiritual power. The strength can come only from standing in God.

In the Old Testament (Joshua 24:14-16) related Joshua's famous "stand": ". . . but for me and my house, we will serve the

OUR AIMS

1. To see the value of aligning self on God's side.
2. To learn how to keep true to God.
3. To give others encouragement to stand with God.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we stand for God?
2. Why must we take sides with or against God?
3. In what spirit must we fight God's battles?
4. Give some Bible examples of men and women who fearlessly stood for God and right.
5. Give some secular examples of great moral courage.

Lord." The 24th verse gives the reaction of the people—a story of real encouragement for today. Read the whole chapter to gain spiritual insight.

God's power is the most needed power in the lives of all Christians. A Christian is strong for the Lord only as he is strong in the Lord. Then he will stand with God come what may.

Stand Will Attack Us

When we stand strong for the Lord we can expect Satan to attack us. If he can get us to think crooked, he knows that we will walk crooked. If he could put doubts into the minds of all Christians, it would have the effect of demobilizing the Christian army. Many Christian Endeavor societies have much trouble with many members because they do not have on the helmet of salvation. They have never been redeemed at the foot of the cross. They become casualties in the struggle with evil because they are not strong in the Lord and do not have the protection of the helmet of salvation.

The first essential for building a strong society is to have members who have met the Lord and have surrendered to Him.

Attack Evil

There are many forms of evil which we should be prepared to defy and overcome the moment they present themselves. There should be no hesitancy in attack upon all forms of dishonesty in conduct, or of lying speech; all forms of selfishness and greed; impurity of

thought, of speech, of conduct; Sabbath desecration; wrong and harmful amusements. Early in life we must form fixed opinions touching these and other evils.

Many other moral problems will present themselves for solution on the instant, with no time for deliberation, but if the broad lines of conduct have been fixed by deliberate choice and have become habitual, these will invariably carry us safely through the new and unexpected temptation. One of the functions of Christian Endeavor is to establish the members in deep and sound convictions touching all forms of conduct.

Stand with God By Resisting Evil

It is the height of folly to pray to be kept out of temptation and be delivered from the evil, and then go into the very jaws of evil. A wise, consistent lover of the good will remain as far away from the evil as possible. He will not see how near the border line of wrongdoing he can go without actually trespassing. But he will rather remain as far away from the evil associations and evil places as he possibly can.

The Beloved Disciple of our Lord was not tempted to deny Him, because he remained close to Jesus in the midst of his enemies. It was poor Peter who followed afar off, who shamefully denied his Lord. Peter did what he never would have dreamed of doing, had he remained in his Lord's company. It was because he found himself trying to warm himself at the fireside of Christ's enemies that he sinned so desperately.

Give evil no quarter. Remain as far away from the questionable things of life as possible. When compelled to encounter evil, defy it promptly and courageously and victory will be certain.

All through the Bible the spiritual life is presented as a battle. Paul admonished his young servant, Timothy, to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12). When he came to the end of his life he declared positively, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Tim. 4:7).

It must be noted, therefore, that the spiritual battle is an individual matter. Every person will need strength for living the Christian life, manifesting the Christian spirit, and overcoming evil which will make attacks through all of life. This strength can be secured only from God.

The Church Aids Us to Stand

The church of Jesus Christ is His channel for His service in the world. The church is a great school in which God's children may learn how to walk with Him and talk to Him and grow in Him. It is a fatal mistake to allow any new church member to drift in the days following his conversion. A path ought to lead from every conversion experience into the training service conducted by Christian Endeavor.

Scripture Readings

- M., Jan. 7. Stand in the Spirit. Philippians 1:27-30.
T., Jan. 8. Stand by Faith. II Corinthians 1:21-24.
W., Jan. 9. Moses Calls for a Stand. Exodus 32:26, 29.
T., Jan. 10. Stand for God or Baal. I Kings 18:21, 39.
F., Jan. 11. Jesus Questions His Disciples. John 6:66-69.
S., Jan. 12. Ruth Takes Her Stand. Ruth 1:16, 17.
Sun., Jan. 13. Topic—Stand with God. I Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:13; Joshua 24:14-16, 24.



His Will Is Mine

No. 3 in a Series: "Living in the Light"

Luke 7:16; Luke 9:51-62; Philippians 3:13-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JANUARY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. Get alone with yourself and make a list of the things consecration to Christ and the Christian life mean to you.

2. As the leader of this meeting, think of yourself in relation to this topic, His will, and your life. How does it add up?

3. What is your answer to this question, "Am I truly loyal and willing to bear responsibility within my own church?"

Biblical References

We have three references—Luke 7:16; Luke 9:51-62; and Philippians 3:13-15. In Luke 7:16 we see Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, standing in the midst of death. A young man had been cut off by death in the beginning of his days. Perhaps we can understand the depths of sorrow his mother had to bear. Now she was alone. *When the Master saw her He had compassion on her and said, "Weep not."* What a moment that must have been when the bearers of the coffin stood still and Jesus said, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise!" It happened. He that was dead sat up. He spoke. Fear fell upon the crowd. They glorified God. They knew that God had visited His people. There stood one among them who came to do the will of God. He found delight in doing it. We ought to find delight in doing the will of God.

It was God's will that Jesus Christ should taste death for every man. In Luke 9:51-62 we see Him in His final departure from Galilee. He saw His death and sufferings approaching. He looked through them to the glory that should follow. He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, the place where He was to suffer and die. He was fully determined to go and nothing could change the plan. This He did for our salvation from sin and death.

In Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi he admonishes them to press toward the mark. He knew the saints of God had heaven in their eyes, but they must still press forward with holy desire and high hope. The fitter we grow for heaven the faster we must press towards it. Young people, your calling in Jesus Christ is a high calling. Heaven is our goal. But let us not get so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good. There is work here for the best of us to do and we should never feel that we are too good to lift burdens. There is no greater joy than to be housed in the center of the will of God.

Basic Material

This is our third topic dealing with the elements of personal Christian faith and practice. Today we consider, "His Will Is Mine." It would be good for us to know what Jesus had to say about the will of His Father. Check Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven."

In John 4:34 Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the average Christian look upon the idea of consecration? How did you arrive at your concept?

2. Do you think the majority of Christians within your church are truly getting the most out of the Christian life?

3. How many people within your church bear responsibility and carry the work of the Lord upon their hearts and shoulders? Would you say 15 or 25 or more?

4. What can we do to help people whose only interest in the church is attendance at one service?

5. Do you think persons know when they are not in the center of the will of God? How can you tell?

His work." The salvation of sinners is the will of God. Christ was sent into the world on this errand, to bring people to God. He made His work His business and delight. Be sure you read John 6:40.

"His will is mine," therefore we must know the principle of guidance. There is a sense of calm and poise and dignity when you know that you are in the center of the will of God. The will of God concerning character is universal, but the will of God concerning service is individual. God wants to make us like Jesus Christ. He wants to see the life of His beloved Son reproduced in us by the indwelling of His Spirit. So, day by day, we should be growing in the grace and the knowledge of our blessed Lord.

Young people, look at it the right way. Don't let anyone overthrow you in your thinking in this regard. You are not made like Him in the twinkling of an eye or in the flash of a moment or in a few special Bible lessons. You are not ever the finished product. You have so much to do with it. There must be surrender to Him on your part and there must be daily obedience. There must be the implanting of the Word of truth if there is to become a life molded and transformed into the likeness of our blessed Lord. Don't live in a spiritual fog. Take each step in great confidence. The Christian life is a life of faith. But God does give to each of us sufficient light to take the next step.

Bible Portions

- M., Jan. 14. An Inward Law. Psalm 40:7-11.
- T., Jan. 15. Establishing Divine Relationship. Matthew 12:46-50.
- W., Jan. 16. Leads to Spiritual Knowledge. John 7:16-18.
- T., Jan. 17. Become Upright. Psalm 143:8-10.
- F., Jan. 18. Complete Surrender. Mark 14:32-36.
- S., Jan. 19. Wholeheartedly. Ephesians 6:5-8.
- Sun., Jan. 20. Topic—His Will Is Mine. Luke 7:16; Luke 9:51-62; Philippians 3:13-15.

It will be a glorious day for you when you discover that guidance is not witness to the problem, but guidance is covered in relation to our exalted Lord, Jesus Christ. Too often we get overly concerned about the problem. Let that problem in God's hands. Your supreme concern should be your relationship to Jesus Christ. It's good sense to know that if a man in his heart is right with God, God will deal with the problem. The big question that must be answered is, "Will the Lord have all of me?" If you want to know the will of God for your life, are you prepared to pay the price of knowing it? Divided loyalty is the end of all possible light to the future.

Do you really want the will of God for your life, or are you just pretending? Don't look for it on your own terms. The first principle of knowing the will of God concerning anything is the absolute surrender of your life to a living Lord. Your life must be at the disposal of the Lord in order that He may work out His plan.

"His will is mine," therefore we must understand something about it. What good are rules if they are not obeyed? James said that we ought to be doers of the Word and not hearers of it. If we just do the hearing we deceive ourselves. Guidance does not come to an empty mind; it comes to a heart full of the love of Jesus Christ. If day by day we turn to the will of God and seek honestly and earnestly to find God's will, He has guaranteed to show it to us for His Word is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet. There will need to be many moments of quiet time on your knees with your Bible and prayer.

Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit is come He will guide you. Who knows better the will of God for your life? Surely the Holy Spirit is capable of bringing us right into the center of that will. The inward witness of the Spirit is sure to be there in the surrendered life.

Backing the Project

1. Plan a series of "Spiritual Life Meetings" sponsored by your Christian Endeavor society. Give an opportunity to hear your finest leaders and become better acquainted with the "how" and "wherefore" concerning the will of God.

2. Give your whole-hearted cooperation to your pastor in the planning of the evangelistic program of the church. It is God's will that men should come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

Best Illustration

Under the statue of Nathan Allen in New York City are inscribed the words, "Woe to him that I had two lives to give to my country." Nathan Allen had the spirit for his country that we need toward our Christ. We should be willing to lay down our lives for Him.

When Robert Moffat, the Cheshire denier, offered himself as a missionary some of his friends thought, and others actually said, "His brains were turned." His reply was, "Turned? So they are, but they are turned the right way."

Christian Endeavor's Honor Roll

Hebrews 12:1, 2



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JANUARY 20

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

1. Going Strong

Why has Christian Endeavor shown such strength? In spite of its 76 years, in spite of politics and sometimes in spite of its friends the Christian Endeavor movement continues to be a blessing to the thousands of young people who are fortunate enough to meet its challenges and who have courage enough to undergo its disciplines. Wherein lies the secret of its strength? To what factors can we attribute the hold it continues to have upon the hearts of so many?

The answers to the above questions could fill many pages. Tonight we would like to stress the final element in Christian Endeavor. There is a wonderful honor roll that all Endeavorers should know and appreciate.

Our story begins early in 1881. Before this time there were in some churches organizations for young people just as there were day schools before the days of Robert H. Schuller. They were isolated, however, and usually dedicated to some particular line of activity such as debating, music, temperance, or missions. There was no form of organization that was universal and none that seemed to be meeting the need. One young man, in the fifth year of his first pastorate, felt this need keenly.

2. Founder

On Sept. 12, 1851, Francis E. Clark was born in the little frontier village of Aylmer, Quebec, Canada. His father was a civil engineer and a timber locator, and his duties called him to Canada. A scourge of cholera, which the lad was about three, broke out on a ship on which the father was traveling in New York, and within a few days Francis was orphaned. The mother started a school in her home, called Cherry Cottage. Pupils flocked to her. She also began the first Sunday school in Berthier, a frontier town, where she spent the winter.

For five years the happy home circle remained unbroken; but it was not to be Francis' lot to have the love of a mother long. Like a fragrant flower his mother folded, and Francis was sent to Auburndale, Mass., to live with an uncle, Rev. Edward W. Clark.

After finishing the academy of his native town, he went to Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1873, at the age of 22. It was during this time that three remarkable things occurred, which were to mark his future career. The president, Asa Smith, invited the young student in his room, and talked with him that he might enter the ministry. This became his chosen, God-ordained career. The second thing was the fact that he attended class prayermeetings, which gave him the first idea of the future Christian Endeavor prayermeetings. And he learned to love and felt the glow of having his material printed for publication.

After Dartmouth days came Andover Seminary, where he received his theological

OUR AIMS

1. To properly appreciate the "great cloud" of Christian Endeavor witnesses.

2. To understand the values in steadfastness.

3. To emphasize that no human hands Christian Endeavor's honor roll—that place of honor belongs to Jesus Christ Himself.

QUESTIONS

1. How has Christian Endeavor been a youth movement in the churches?

2. What moved Dr. Francis E. Clark to start the first Christian Endeavor society?

3. Why did the Christian Endeavor movement succeed so quickly after its birth?

4. How did the Christian Endeavor Pledge become so widely used?

5. Who is the president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor at present? Who is president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union?

6. Who are some Christian Endeavorers locally who furnished leadership in the movement in earlier days?

7. How can Christian Endeavor practice cooperative action today?

training. During the last year in seminary he married Harriet Abbott on October 3, 1876, which proved to be a very happy union.

During his last seminary year he was called to the Williston Church of Portland, Maine. Here on February 2, 1881, he met with a group of 57 young people and Christian Endeavor had its origin.

The need for some such young people's work was so great, that before the year passed two or three other churches, hearing of the movement, joined ranks. Before five years were gone thousands of societies in all Protestant denominations were formed every year.

The year 1888 saw the Society spread so rapidly that it became necessary for Francis to resign his pastorate and devote his time to traveling among the various groups. From this time on until his death in 1927 he was seldom at home. Nineteen trips he made to foreign lands in the interest of the work.

Mother Endeavor Clark

During Dr. Clark's ministry and especially following his death there was a special place

From The Book of Books

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| M., Jan. 14. Shining Lights. | Matthew 5:14, 15. |
| T., Jan. 15. Chosen Leaders. | John 15:15, 16. |
| W., Jan. 16. John Gives Christ Preeminence. | John 3:26-31. |
| T., Jan. 17. Leaders That Follow Christ. | I Corinthians 11:1, 2. |
| F., Jan. 18. Counsel to Elders. | II Peter 5:1-5. |
| S., Jan. 19. Examples for Others. | I Peter 5:10, 11. |
| Sun., Jan. 20. Topic—Christian Endeavor's Honor Roll. | Hebrews 12:1, 2. |

in the hearts of Endeavorers for a dear little lady, Dr. Clark's wife, who came to be known as Christian Endeavor's most precious treasure, Mother Clark. Hear her testimony: "One of the best things that ever happened to me was the Christian Endeavor Pledge. It was not easy to take, but it became a staff on which I could lean. When I was faced with something that seemed hard to do, I would say, 'Is this something that the Lord would have me do?' I had promised, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do.' It is not 'whatever He says I must do,' but 'whatever He would like to have me do.' The Pledge has been for me a kind of balance to help me to find what my duty was as a Christian. God help us all to be faithful to that promise."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling

Dr. Clark's successor was the beloved present president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Dr. Poling was born in Portland, Oregon, Nov. 30, 1884, of English and German descent. Graduated from Portland High School, he received two degrees from Dallas College, attended Lafayette Seminary and Ohio State University.

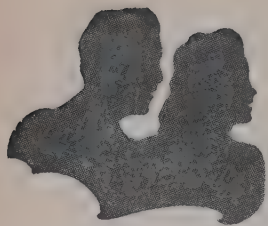
Possessing a wonderful physique, he worked in his youth in the great northwest country at lumberjacking, railroading and in the wheat fields. At college he was basketball captain, boxer, class president, and national indoor diving champ. Since 1916 he has received eleven honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the country.

In 1912 he ran on the Prohibition Party ticket for Governor of Ohio. Ten years later he was in an automobile accident, receiving a broken back, two fractured hips, and three smashed ribs—which would have killed the average person; but instead of dying, he fooled the doctors and during his convalescence he began writing his first novel. Since then he has written 23 books, including five novels; he is Editor-in-Chief of the *Christian Herald*.

During the first World War he saw service in France with the Y.M.C.A. and chaplaincy, was severely gassed and received acknowledgment from the Secretary of War. In 1906 he was ordained by the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and has held three pastorates since: Canton, Ohio; New York City at the Marble Collegiate Church; and the famous Baptist Temple in Philadelphia. He has 8 children and 20 grandchildren. His two sons were ministers (one a chaplain who went down on the ill-fated *Dorchester*). As the second president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and now of the World's Union, he has traveled over two million miles.

Ernest Bryan

Trained in Christian Endeavor through years of work in local societies, and as a (Please turn to Page 19, Col. 1)



Consider Your Call

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week"

Ephesians 4:1-16
(Denominational Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JANUARY

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing the Leader

1. Try to secure some statistics on the strength of Christian Endeavor in your own denomination, since this is Denominational Sunday.

2. Why not plan a 76th birthday anniversary service for this special meeting? Make it exciting and profitable.

3. Acquaint yourself with the four grand principles of Christian Endeavor. You should know them.

Biblical References

We are referred to the epistle of Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-16. This is a general exhortation to walk as becomes a Christian. Paul was now a prisoner in Rome. He was not ashamed of his bonds. He knew he suffered not as an evil doer. Hear his words, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called." The great teaching of the first three chapters is enough to stagger us. It's so great, rich, and wonderful. Here we see Christ in solemn covenant giving Himself utterly to us; we must give ourselves wholly to Him.

We must be intelligent believers, joyous in our faith and steadfast in good works. Young people, something different is expected of you when you name the name of Jesus Christ. You are called upon to live like Christians. If we understand the teaching of the Word of God, then God expects us to live a noble Christian life each day in the week. He is able to give us daily grace and power to accomplish this.

Consider your call, young people, consider it now. You have been called out of darkness into the marvelous light of a glorious Gospel. Consider yourself as one in that great number walking worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called.

Basic Material

We have two topics dealing with Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week. Throughout all the world Christian Endeavor will celebrate the 76th anniversary of the organizing of the first Christian Endeavor society on February 2, 1881, in Portland, Maine, during the week of January 27 to February 3. Christian Endeavor shares in a joint observance of Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week with the United Christian Youth Movement.

Today, the beginning of Christian Endeavor Week, is Denominational Sunday. Our topic is "Consider Your Call." The treatment of this topic should be a source of inspiration and direction to you. It should inspire you to move forward for Christ and His church and direct you in ways of service as you give your all to Jesus Christ. Your particular talent and personality will always count in the service of God.

This would be a good time for someone to read interestingly the leaflet, "What Is a Life-Work Recruit?" This is one of the International Christian Endeavor publications and can

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we as a Christian Endeavor society best serve the church? What can we do about it now?

2. What advice have we to give to other young people who want to invest their talent and personality in the service of God?

3. Why should young people today be sure they have the answer to the question, "What am I doing with life?"

4. What part does Christian Endeavor play in leading me to a decision where I shall give my all to God and His service?

5. What is Christian Endeavor's strength in your denomination, and what is happening as far as your local church is concerned? Are you really satisfied with what is done in the name of Christian Endeavor in your own local church? Could it be different? How?

be secured from headquarters. On the back of this leaflet you will find a Life-Work Recruit Covenant. Be sure someone is designated to carefully explain the covenant to your society members. Have a supply of these leaflets on hand so each one can make his own decision.

1. *Consider your call, the nature of the Christian's calling.* You do profess to be a Christian. You have made a personal confession of Jesus Christ. Then you know that your calling into this new life in Jesus Christ is a holy calling. II Timothy 1:9 tells us it is a holy calling and that we have been saved from sin by the grace of God. "It is an honorable calling (Philippians 3:14). It is God's high calling in Christ Jesus to you, a sinner saved by the grace of God. It is a calling in which we serve an honorable Master. He is the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. It is a profitable calling. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

2. *Consider your call, the obligation of the calling.* We must first study the principles of our calling (Ephesians 1:17). We must cultivate the spirit of the calling (Ephesians 4:2, 3.) We must perform the duties of the calling (John 14:23). In civil life (Ephesians 4:25). In religious life (Ephesians 4:26). In domestic life (Ephesians 6:1-9). In all your searching don't overlook the object of your calling, "After that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (I Peter 5:10).

3. *Consider your call, for you do not own your life, but merely possess it.* We are here in this world by our own volition, by the will of God. He has ordered nature environment so that human life is possible. He has so made us that He Himself is the very life of our being. "In Him we live, move and have our being" is one of the profoundest words that ever fell from Paul's lips (Acts 17:28).

4. *Consider your call, there's a job to be done and you can do it.* You are well acquainted with the steward who failed. What he received he buried. Others received and put it to use but he folded his in a napkin and tucked it away for safe keeping. No one profits when you bury your gift or your talent unless you bury it in the growing experience of others. Check your abilities once more. Face up to the question, "Am I using or abusing what God has given me?" The steward who failed did not do evil; he did not waste his gift, he just left it dormant. The temptation to do this is very great, but also very costly. To often we use our powers for ourselves and not for our fellows; or we remain deaf to the call of duty. Remember, we can do all things through Christ. He is sufficiently able to strengthen us for the task. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." All of your life belongs to God. You are God's representative in the home, school, and at work or play. Consider your call and strive by the grace of God to give your best to it for the glory of your exalted Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He will help you do it.

Backing the Project

1. Carefully study your youth work within the church and see if you can organize any other Christian Endeavor society so no age group is neglected.

2. Why not conduct a class on Christian Endeavor Essentials?

3. Supply your members with essential information on the work of Christian Endeavor, Pledge, Tenth Legion, Quiet Hour, and Evangelism.

Best Illustration

One afternoon while listening to a great crusader a visitor turned to a prominent minister and commented, "Magnificently made isn't he?" "Yes," agreed the minister, "and how I wish he would bite you and me."

"The world goes forward on the feet of youth. Where those feet will lead the world is determined by what road they walk now with us adults."

"One of the things wrong with the rising generation may be that it is altogether too much like the risen generation." J. F. Santee.

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- T., Jan. 22. God Calls to Stay. Luke 8:37-39.
- W., Jan. 23. God Calls to Self-Sacrifice. Matthew 16:24-26.
- T., Jan. 24. God Calls Over Prejudices. Acts 10:9-20.
- F., Jan. 25. God Calls Early. I Samuel 3:1-10.
- S., Jan. 26. God Calls in Maturity. Exodus 3:1-10.
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Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JANUARY 27

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Calls Youth Through the Ages

Centuries ago, as a young man stood in the temple, he saw a vision of God and settled the question for his life by saying, "Here am I and me" (Isa. 6:8). The years following experience were not free of problems and for that young man. The results of his life were not always satisfying, but he continued to work for God the remainder of his life, and, according to tradition, he suffered martyr's death. Because he faithfully did his will, Isaiah was a blessing to his generation and to all subsequent generations.

Moses was tending sheep in the desert when God called him to his lifework (Exodus 3:4) leading the people of Israel out of bondage in Egypt and through the 40 years of wilderness journeys. In contrast, Samuel was a small lad when God called him to be a judge and prophet in Israel (1 Samuel 3:10). God called many others such as Isaiah and Paul.

Youth Are Called Today

Christians we believe that God calls us. We believe that God has a purpose and a plan which we should seek to fulfill. He will lead us to know and understand that purpose and let Him.

The way by which we can know God's will about our life-work is by taking a look at our abilities. God must have given us those talents for a purpose, and He certainly wants to use them for Him. We may have ability in a number of things and we will have to choose between them.

God will also direct us through the advice and help of our friends. Our parents, ministers, counselors and other friends often have the judgment that we do about our own abilities and responsibilities. God can speak to us through them.

Let God will speak to our hearts directly as we read the Bible and pray. Each one of us must come to a feeling of certainty in our own hearts that we have learned God's will. When we come to that place we will be able to use our life-work and to make it a real Christian vocation.

Many Christian Callings

There are just a few opportunities for Christians in the local parish: minister, associate minister, assistant minister, director of religious education, office secretary, full-time music director, director of youth work, director of men's work, deaconess, church social worker.

There are many fields of work where a real Christian can have a real influence. Some of them are teaching in the public schools, nursing, social work, medicine; there are many others. Can you think of some ways that a Christian teacher can have a real Christian influence? A nurse? A doctor?

For Protestants who believe in the "universal priesthood of believers," there is the

OUR AIMS

1. To observe Denominational Day, opening Christian Endeavor Week.
2. To note how Christian youth can best serve the Kingdom of God.
3. To emphasize the Life-Work Recruitment covenant.

QUESTIONS

1. How does God call us? How can we hear?
2. What does Paul believe should be the ultimate aim of all we do?
3. Does it make sense to say that the members of our Christian Endeavor are children of God? What are the difficulties connected with being children of God? What indicates that we are children of God?
4. What difference of service do you believe God expects between a minister or missionary on the one hand and a lawyer or a toolmaker on the other?
5. Relate the experience of some famous spiritual leaders as they have heard and responded to God's call.
6. Ask your pastor to tell the group how he was certain of God's call.

"call" to the spiritual life, whatever one's occupation may be. And there is the call to a specific occupation, inside or outside the church, where one discovers and does the will of God through his daily work. Both are part of this idea of Christian vocation.

When the Call Is Yours

If you feel that God might be calling you to special work, quietly thank Him for it and hide the impression away in your heart. Keep walking in the light He gives. Accept open doors of opportunity as His will. If the call is of God, there will be a persistent and deepening conviction (1) of the need, (2) of your desire to fill the need, and (3) an increase in your consecrated abilities to help meet the need.

The Church Can Help

The church must help young people to think through Christianity in their own lives. In this way youth can have a better grounding in life. It must help youth to see that all work is of God. Ralph Sockman says: "There is only one profession—to do the will of God; there are many vocations for us to do this."

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Dr. E. Stanley Jones said some years ago: "I am a missionary in India, but my calling is no more sacred than your calling to be a missionary to the place where you are. The business man should go to his business as the agent of the Kingdom of God."

The Bible on the Christian's Vocation

Matthew 6:33 (Seek first the kingdom)
Mark 13:34 (To every man his work)
Mark 10:21 (Go sell whatsoever thou hast)
1 Corinthians 12:4 (Diverse gifts, one Spirit)

Matthew 25:18 (The one-talent man)
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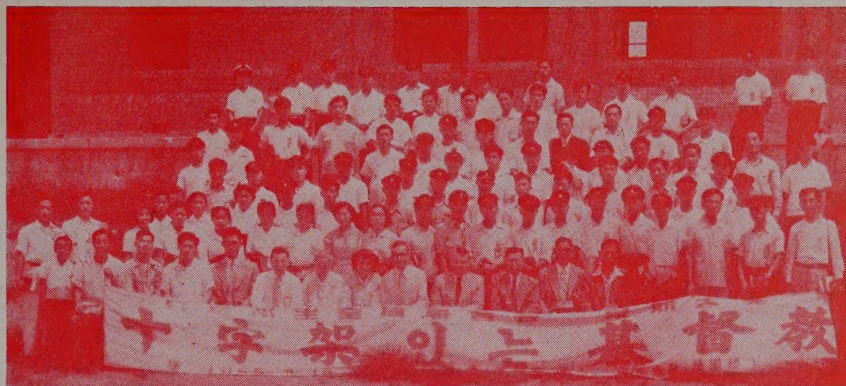
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Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg,
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tional Society of Christian Endeavor, was the
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